

CLAIMS

- 5 1. A basket housing for use in a basket assembly in a railroad switch comprising:
 an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough;
 at least one abutment for limiting lateral displacement of a surface associated with
 said rod or bar; and,
 means for rotatably retaining an arm associated with said housing.
- 10 2. The basket housing of claim 1 further comprising a head portion and a lower
 portion, said means for rotatably retaining an arm being located on said head portion.
- 15 3. The basket housing of claim 2 wherein said means for rotatably retaining an arm
 comprises a bore in said head portion, said bore being adapted to receive a pin for
 rotation in said bore and for connection to said arm.
- 20 4. The basket housing of claim 3 wherein said lower portion comprises means for
 securing a rod to said housing.
- 25 5. A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:
 a housing having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough, at least one
 abutment for limiting lateral displacement of a surface associated with said rod or bar
 member and a head portion, and a bore in said head portion for receiving a pin for
 rotation therein.
- 30 6. The basket assembly of claim 5 further comprising at least one torsion arm
 retained on said pin.
- 35 7. The basket assembly of claim 6 wherein said torsion arm comprises an
 elongated slot and one end of said pin extends through said elongated slot.
8. The basket assembly of claims 5, 6 or 7 further comprising attachment points on
 said housing for securing a switch rod assembly thereto.
9. The basket assembly of claim 6 or 7 wherein one end of said torsion arm is
 rigidly secured to an assist rod.
- 40 10. A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:
 a sliding element having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough; and,

at least one arm rotatably mounted on said sliding element.

11. The basket assembly of claim 10 wherein said at least one arm comprises a pair of opposed arms.

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12. The basket assembly of claim 11 wherein each of said opposed arms is rigidly secured to an assist rod.

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13. The basket assembly of claims 10 or 11 wherein said rod or bar is hinged to a switch rod.

14. A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:
a sliding element having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough; and,
a pair of pins extending from opposed sides of said sliding element.

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15. The basket assembly of claim 14 further comprising a pair of arms, each of said arms being mounted for rotation of one of said pins.

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16. The basket assembly of claim 15 wherein said arms are rigidly connected to an assist rod.